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" Mississippi businesses and working families are struggling in today's difficult economic environment. To ensure that North Mississippi employees affected by this week's closures receive benefits and appropriate training for new opportunities, I have contacted and offered my assistance to local economic development and workforce training organizations in the First District.

" The people of the First District are facing tough times, and my thoughts and prayers go out to the employees of Heartland, Infinite Building Products, and Outdoor Technologies, as well as their families. I will continue to do everything I can to provide relief to hard-working North Mississippi families. "

Nadara Cole, Vice President of Workforce Training and Economic Development at Northeast Mississippi Community College, issued the following statement regarding Congressman Childers' outreach:

"We are very appreciative of Congressman Childers' concern and outreach to help guarantee that working North Mississippians have the resources they need to work through

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